



## Interactive maps help drivers through I-15 CORE project

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Utah's Department of Transportation knows there's nothing more aggravating for a motorist than to come up on a construction site without notice or warning. For that reason, the I-15 CORE Project has taken as many measures as they can to help drivers get from here to there, and to keep them informed on the project. That includes going high tech and using social networking websites.

"Two key maps on the website are first for construction hot spots and the most current conditions where drivers can zoom in and find alternate routes and details that are updated as soon as we get information from the contractor," said Scott Thompson, CORE Project spokesman.

Thompson said in just the past five years the technology to communicate transportation information has changed. With social networking sites like Facebook, Twitter, YouTube, blogs and others, the public has an immediate sense of what is going on and what the corridor is going to look like when it's completed.

That's where the second interactive map comes in. Just click on one of the dotted sites on the map on the left-hand side of the home page and up pops not only the current road or ramp configuration, but with another click of the mouse an overlay appears to show motorists what the new interchange will look like. In some cases the look and feel will be a drastic change.

Thompson is encouraging companies to add the corridor's link to their business websites, or bookmark them for employees to get travel information and up-to-the-minute road conditions.

Those conditions would include upcoming closures, delays and lane shifts. This week motorists will get a construction reprieve as workers will celebrate Pioneer Day.

"There will be no work from noon Thursday, July 22 through Monday July 26 at 9 p.m.," Thompson said. "There may be limited work off the main corridor."

Again those traveling around the state during this holiday weekend are encouraged to check out the Stay An Extra Day program online, which encourages vacationers to leave early or come home a day later with several hotels and motels offering cut rates to participants.

In addition, there are several smaller road projects in progress this week:

- **State Route 164, Spanish Fork**

Crews are putting in a traffic signal at the intersection of SR-164 and Del Monte in Spanish Fork. Motorists should expect minor delays through the intersection.

- **State Route 147 and 1800 East, Mapleton**

Crews will begin widening and making other improvements to this intersection. Crews will also be installing a traffic signal and making improvements to the railroad crossing near the intersection.

- **U.S. Highway 89, Orem**

Crews continue replacing the asphalt on U.S. Highway 89 from 800 North to 100 North. Work will be taking place at night from 10 p.m. to 6 a.m.

- **U.S. Highway 189, Provo Canyon**

Crews will be constructing a passing lane from Deer Creek State Park south of the Wallsburg turnoff. Storm drain crossing continues. Excavation continues on the wildlife crossing. Granular borrow is being placed in preparation for asphalt for the newly built passing lane. Daytime work will be taking place from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

- **2100 North, Lehi**

The new traffic signal on Redwood Road for the future intersection with 2100 North is complete, but will not be activated for the time being. Crews continue constructing the bridges over the Jordan River. Crews continue driving steel supports for the new bridge. Crews continue installing walls, placing fill and drainage pipes on the west side of the project between the Jordan River and Redwood Road. The Jordan River Trail has been closed north and south of the project area. Access to the trail north and south of the closure will be maintained.

Now through fall 2011 -- 2100 North is closed between 2300 West and Point Meadows Drive. Motorists should use 1500 North as an alternate route.

- **Pioneer Crossing, Saratoga Springs to American Fork**

A section of the Jordan River Parkway Trail, approximately one mile north of the Wetlands Park trailhead in Saratoga Springs is now closed for bridge construction. Access to the trail will begin at Willow Park in Lehi.